(c) and (d) Government is aware of the efforts of the members of these banned organisations to regroup under new names and establish new organisations to continue terrorist activities in India. Government shares information and evidence in this regard with a number of countries, including the United States.

Nexus between Indian terrorists and Nepalese Maoist

4572. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some Indian terrorists outfits are giving assistance to Maoist militants who have unleashed a rekjn of terror in Nepal;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Maoist have developed nexus with India's MCC and PWG;

(c) whether the issue came up for discussion in the recent official meeting of both the countries; and

(d) if so, the details of decision taken therein?-

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH): (a) and (b) There are unconfirmed reports of linkages between Nepal's Maoists and Indian terrorist outfits particularly the MCC and the PWG. Government of India has banned the PWG (People's War Group) and the MCC (Maoist Communist Centre) and is keeping a close vigil in this regard.

(c) and (d) Issues relating to terrorism and cross-border crimes were discussed during the recent visit of the Nepalese Prime Minister to India from March 20—25, 2002. The two Governments agreed to intensify their ongoing cooperation for combating terrorism and cross-border crimes, and to continue working closely with each other.